

MaineCare Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2021
10:00 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.
Via Zoom

I. CALL TO ORDER

Kathy Kilrain Del Rio called to order the regular meeting of the MaineCare Advisory Committee at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 7th.

II. ROLL CALL

Kathy Kilrain del Rio conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

Kathy Kilrain del Rio; Laurie Belden; Esther Bullard; Rachel Collamore; Laura Cordes; Leo Delicata; Gia Drew; Al Durgin; Rachel Dyer; Kate Ende; Suzanne Farley; Carol Francis; Jillian Jolicoeur; Sarah Lewis; Jim Martin; Beth Pearce; Atlee Reilly; and Susan White

Department: Derrick Grant; Sarah Grant; Fran Jensen; Thomas Leet; Michelle Probert, and Molly Slotznick

Guests: Jaime Cotnoir; Norma Desjardins; Brooke Holton; Diane Johanson; Gretchen Kinder; Becca Matusovich; Amanda Richards; and Jessi Wright

III. NEW BUSINESS

a) Election of Chair and Vice Chair

- Kathy Kilrain del Rio and Gia Drew ran uncontested. They were voted in unanimously for the next term as Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

b) DHHS Updates With Michelle Probert

- Michelle noted that the Department is still waiting for a response from CMS on the proposed spending plan for the FMAP bonus payment. Many states are still awaiting a response, so Maine is not alone in experiencing the delay.
- CMS has issued confirmation that COVID testing under Medicaid must cover diagnostic testing that individuals are advised to do for travel or for school.
- There is a form available now for providers who would like to express their interest in the Primary Care Plus program. The form is currently open until October 5th
- Esther shared that OFI is in the process of developing an unwinding plan in preparation for the end of the federal health emergency.

c.) **Rate System Reform Discussion**

- Laura Cordes noted the Rate System Reform committee will continue to meet at least through the end of the year.
- The committee is requesting a presentation covering the elements of a rate study, so providers can be better prepared for the rate studies as they start to roll out.

d.) **Dental Subcommittee Updates**

Kathy noted that the Dental Subcommittee meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at noon. The meeting is open to anyone who wants to join. There is also a committee at the Maine Dental Association who report back on discussions they are having.

Derrick noted Policy is looking at what other states are offering for dental services and building a comparison of items covered by states to help form a draft benefit.

Norma Desjardin noted the Maine Dental Association task force is looking at how other states recruit dental providers, as more providers will be needed to service the increase in patients.

e.) **Rulemaking/Waivers/SPA Packet Review With Tom Leet**

Tom noted there have not been any rules adopted since the last MAC meeting. There are a couple of rules currently open for comment: Chapter II, Section 97, and Chapter I, Section 6. There will be a List Serve and an email blast from the Secretary of State to outline a public hearing and a new comment period for Chapter I, Section 6.

g.) **Wrap Up**

The communications committee is restarting. The next meeting will be September 20th at 3:00 p.m. If anyone is interested in attending, contact Jillian Jolicoeur.

h.) **Items From Guests**

None

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Kathy Kilrain Del Rio adjourned the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Lisa Weaver